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**In the Claims:**

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 7, 14 and 16.

Please substitute the following claims 1, 8, 10 and 17 for claims with the same number.

1. A method for processing program instructions comprising the steps of:
- receiving at least one instruction containing data representing operational code and data representing at least one flag modification enable bit;
  - emulating non-native instructions using native instructions containing the flag modification enable bit;
  - determining whether the at least one flag modification enable bit allows updating of at least one flag in response to executing the operational code; and
  - updating at least one flag in response to determining a status of the at least one flag modification enable bit.



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